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இன்றைய பரிட்சை கேள்வித் தாளோடு ஒப்பிட்டுப் பார்த்து மேற்கொண்டு நடவடிக்கைகளை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்று கேட்டுக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : So I feel that this matter cannot come under an adjournment motion.

II.—CALLING ATTENTION TO FOOD POISONING IN THE TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL HOSTEL, POLUR.

திரு. எஸ். முருகையன் : கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, வட ஆற்காடு மாவட்டம், போளூரில் இருக்கும் ஆசிரியர் பயிற்சிப் பள்ளி உணவு விடுதியில் 27-2-1964-ல் உணவில் விஷம் கலந்திருந்த விஷயமும் அதனால் சுமார் 20 மாணவர்களுக்கு மேல் பாதிக்கப்பட்டதும் குறித்த அவசரப் பொது முக்கியத்துவம் வாய்ந்த விஷயத்தைக் கனம் சுகாதார அமைச்சர் அவர்களுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டு வர விரும்புகிறேன்.

THE HON. SRIMATHI JOTHI VENCATACHELLUM : Mr. Speaker, Sir, a detailed investigation was made on the spot by the District Health Officer, North Arcot, Vellore, in connection with the reported food poisoning in the Students' Hostel of the Teachers Training School at Polur. His findings and remarks are as follows :—

Polur Basic Teachers' Training School and hostel has a total of 217 students and they have a common mess. On enquiry, it was learnt that on 26th February 1964 at about 12 mid-night some students of the Basic Training School and Hostel at Polur complained of stomach pain and loose motions. On that particular day, i.e., 26th February 1964, 193 students were present who took their meals and tiffin in the common mess in the hostel. Out of the 193 students who took the food from the common mess only 40 or 42 students had mild attack of diarrhoea with stomach pain and out of these only two or three had vomitings. No acute symptoms were found in any of the cases. No one was admitted as inpatient in the hospital since they had very mild symptoms. They were sent to Government Hospital, Polur, for treatment and were treated as out-patients and they became normal on the same day. Subsequently there were no further symptoms and no recurrence. On enquiry it was found that raw rice was being supplied previous to this incident and that as the raw rice was not available, boiled rice was supplied instead and the District Health Officer believes that the change might have precipitated the complaint among some of the students due to irritation of the bowel mucosa as they may not have been used to this boiled rice.

Food Served on 26th February 1964 *are as under*:—

Breakfast	Pongal. Tomato Sambar.
Midday lunch	Boiled rice. Brinjal Sambar. Butter milk.
Night Supper	Boiled rice. Lady's finger Sambar Butter Milk.

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The supply of commodities is received from the co-operative stores, Arni and the milk is from co-operative society, Polur.

On enquiry with the Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Polur, it is ascertained that the symptoms were very mild and he is of opinion that this may be due to irritation of bowel mucosa owing to change over from raw rice to boiled rice.

Cooking and other activities connected with the kitchen are attended to by the students themselves assisted by one cook. There is nothing to suspect about the food handlers. All the vessels used for cooking were inspected and the vessels were found tinned. The storage facilities are satisfactory. The plates and cups used by the students are of either aluminium or enamel, and are in good condition. The water supply is from a draw well and there is nothing to warrant any suspicion regarding contamination of water supply. The water source is regularly chlorinated. The local Sanitary Inspector has taken necessary precautions. No left-overs of food were available for sampling.

From the above it will be seen that in the absence of any incriminating factors other than the sudden change over from raw rice to boiled rice, the only conclusion which could be arrived at is that the mild irritation of bowel mucosa was due to the change over to boiled rice, which would have affected some of the students who were not accustomed to this change. As these were cases of mild bowel upset due to change in the type of rice, and as there were no acute cases of diarrhoea or vomitting suggestive of food poisoning, the District Health Officer is of opinion that the possibility of food poisoning, may be ruled out. This could be further confirmed by the opinion of the Medical Officer, Government Hospital, Polur that the students were having only bowel upset, that all of them were treated as only outpatients and that all of them became normal soon after.

IV.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR 1964-65—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND NO. III—GENERAL SALES TAX AND OTHER TAXES AND DUTIES—ADMINISTRATION.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

"That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 78,15,200 under Demand No. III—General Sales Tax and Other Taxes and Duties—Administration".

MR. SPEAKER : The time allotted for this Demand is one hour.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : May I say a few words, Sir, because I do not want to take much time in my reply to the debate?

MR SPEAKER : Yes.